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SUBJ: UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM'S PROPOSED VISIT TO AFGHANISTAN

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1. DURING MY FAREWELL CALL ON PREMIER TARAHI JUNE 11,
I TOLD HIM THAT UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM WAS PLANNING A
TRIP THROUGH THIS REGION NEXT MONTH AND WOULD BE PLEASED
TO STOP IN KABUL IF THE AFGHAN GOVT SO WISHED. I SAID
THE UNDER SECRETARY WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO MEET THE NEW AFGHAN LEADER-

SHIP AND TO LEARN AT FIRSTHAND ITS
VIEWS AND PROGRAMS. PREMIER TARAHI RESPONDED
IMMEDIATELY THAT THE UNDER SECRETARY WOULD BE MOST
WELCOME AND ASKED THAT I DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER
WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AMIN.

2. WHEN I DID SO THE NEXT DAY, JUNE 12, AMIN SEEMED
TO BE EXPECTING MY QUESTION, AND AS I ANTICIPATED ALSO
WARMLY EXTENDED A WELCOME TO THE UNDER SECRETARY.
I TOLD HIM THAT THE UNDER SECRETARY WOULD LIKELY
ALSO BE VISITING NEW DELHI, ISLAMABAD, AND TEHRAN PLUS
POSSIBLY OTHER CAPITALS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

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3. AS REGARDS DATES IN JULY, AMIN SAID THAT MR. NEWSOM
WAS WELCOME TO COME ANY TIME EXCEPT BETWEEN JULY 20 AND
25, WHEN HE, AMIN, EXPECTED TO BE TIED UP WITH THE
NONALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN BELGRADE.
I SAID I WOULD CONVEY THE DRA'S INVITATION IMMEDIATELY TO
WASHINGTON, AND THAT THE EMBASSY WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH HIM
WHEN WE HAD MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNDER SECRETARY'S

ITINERARY.

4. PLEASE LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHEN THE UNDER
SECRETARY'S PLANS ARE FIRM SO WE CAN SET THE DATES
WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.
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